



Trafalgar Junior School

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MESSAGE FROM MR ALLEN

Last Wednesday (19/05), **The #1905 Trafalgar Challenge** went live! The children have all been encouraged to think of their challenge - have you picked yours yet? Here in the juniors, Mr Sagentoni, Mrs Bradon and I are each running the 19.05 miles from Staines Bridge to Richmond Bridge, joining a couple parents who are running the whole marathon distance from Windsor Castle! Well done and thank you to Nick Azern (Alex Y3 and Connie Y6) and Charlie Jones (Mabel Y4) for their efforts. I am really looking forward to it (I think!)

Please check out the attached poster for more ideas. Get active, have fun and pledge £19.05 (or whatever you can) to help raise money for Trafalgar Schools. We can't wait to see what the rest of the teachers, children and families will get up to this year! www.gofundme.com/f/1905-trafalgar-challenge



In other good news, we are starting to confirm more events for the end of term. **Discos** for each year group have been booked in with 'Tony Macaroni' (what do you mean he sounds cheesy?) and we are rejuvenating our **Sports Day** to create year group bubble sports days at which will take place at Meadway and involve a carousel of events for the children to compete in.

EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

We have also been giving a lot of thought to the emotional health and well-being of the children at Trafalgar recently. Apart from PSHE lessons, classroom thought-boxes and the well-being tile on J2e, which everyone has access to, we also have Bailey the well-being dog, events like Mental Health Awareness Week and World Kindness Day, and trained practitioners like Mrs B and Mrs Richards who have been supporting children in school in small groups and individually.



In addition, we are now working with the NHS so that we can help parents and carers support their child's mental health and well-being. We have been asked to, in the initial stages, survey two year groups to find out their views on what the school currently provides and how we can support more in the future. Parents of Year 3 and Year 5, please look out for a



survey link coming via ParentMail later today. If you are not in these year groups, but would like to share your opinions on this, please do email the school with the subject heading well-being. We would like to have these results by **Friday 28th May** so if you could do this as soon as possible that would be great.

Y3 IN KEW GARDENS

Year 3 had a fantastic day out at Kew Gardens today as part of their science work on plants. The trip focused on pollination and included the opportunity to act like bees and pass pollen on from plant to plant with the help of a paint brush. They also visited the Temperate House, the Palm House and the the Princess of Wales Conservatory, absorbing all sorts of fascinating facts and one group even spotted a lizard! Well done to all the children; they behaved wonderfully, dodged the showers and were a pleasure to take out. Today's trip felt even more special because of the lack of trips in the last 14 months and we are grateful that we are able to start this important part of children's learning back up again.



NUT ALLERGIES

A reminder that there should NOT be any products containing nuts coming into school, including items made from nuts such as Nutella or hazelnut spreads. We have recently spotted a few items such as the one pictured being sent in with children as part



Allergy Aware School



of their packed lunches. Please make sure your child's snack and/or lunch is nut free. Thank you.

GAMING AGE LIMITS

We are becoming increasingly aware of Trafalgar pupils who are playing online games which are aimed at much older audiences. These games have PEGI ratings, just like films, which are there to warn parents of inappropriate material. Allowing your child to play them is not only potentially harmful but also puts pressure on other families to allow their children to also play the games so they can play with their friends.

The most common age rating system for video games is the PEGI system:



It's a **criminal offence** for a retailer to supply a 12-, 16- or 18-labelled product to any child below those ages. The ratings are there for a good reason – you risk your child being harmed if you allow them to use the orange or (particularly) red-rated products underage.

GOLD CERTIFICATE ASSEMBLIES

Along with Monday assemblies with Mr Allen, our Friday Golden Achievement assemblies are also going ahead in year group bubbles this term and here are the latest proud recipients of the weekly certificates. Congratulations to all of the children pictured for making a really noticeable effort.



ELMSLEIGH ROAD

Please can everyone remember that Elmsleigh Road is officially a 'school street' meaning that access is restricted for cars during drop off and pick up times. Even without that in place, we would always ask that parents do NOT obstruct our neighbours' driveways, however briefly. One neighbour was blocked in today trying to get out.

Also a reminder that the alleyway between Elmsleigh Road and Gothic Road is private property and should NOT be used a cut-through. Thank you.



TAKING HOLIDAYS ABROAD

As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS			
We are pleased to be able to start adding more dates in to our end of term diary but please note these may be subject to change due to COVID.			
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	
Friday 28 th May	All pupils	INSET Day – school closed	
Mon 31 st May – Fri 4 th June	All pupils	Half-term break	
Friday 2 nd July	Y5 & Y6	Sports Day – times TBC	
Monday 5 th July	Y3 & Y4	Sports Day – times TBC	
Monday 5 th July	Y6	Secondary transfer day – arrangements to be confirmed by individual schools	
Friday 9 th – Monday 12 th July	Y6	Residential adventure trip to Kingswood. Rest day (no school for Y6) on Tuesday 13 th July.	
Wednesday 14 th July	Selected Y6 pupils	Provisional date for Borough Sports	
Fri 16 th July			
Tues 20 th July	Y3 & Y5	Year group discos – times TBC	
Weds 21 st July	Y4 & Y6	Year group discos – time TBC	
Friday 23 rd July	All pupils	Last day of school	

PTA NEWS

THE #1905 TRAFALGAR CHALLENGE

Please see attached poster for details and

INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ

Quiz night is back on the 11th June. This time you get the chance to test your grey matter against the parents of our fellow primary schools of Twickenham: Archdeacon, Richard Reynolds, St James, and TPA. Five schools, but there can be only one winner! Buy your tickets now - Trafalgar needs you! <https://www.interrupttheroutine.co.uk/twiz-trophy-2021>

UNIFORM SALE

Thank you to our PTA who raised £153.50 from our second hand uniform sale last week. They sold just under 200 items and just managed to get everything away before that awful downpour! Thank you to everyone who turned up to help at the sale. Also, thank you to everyone who supported the school by donating uniform and showed up to shop on the day!